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SUBJECT: TURKISH STATEMENT ON TERRORIST ATTACKS ON TURKISH
AMBASSADORS

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1. WE HAVE FOR SOME TIME BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE DANGER THAT
CONTINUED TERRORISM AGAINST TURKISH DIPLOMATS AND OTHER
INNOCENT TARGETS BY ALLEGED ARMENIAN ORGANIZATIONS COULD
CREATE INCREASING PRESSURE IN THE GOT FOR SOME FORM OF
RETALIATION OR OTHER RADICAL ACTION TO STOP THE TERRORISM.
SUCH ACTION COULD, DEPENDING ON ITS FORM, PRODUCE HUMAN RIGHTS
PROBLEMS AND ADD TO THE STRAINS ON US-TURKISH RELATIONS.
THE SENTENCE IN THE TURKISH STATEMENT CITED IN REF A -- "TURKEY,
OUT OF PATIENCE, IS PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF PUTTING AN END TO
THIS SAVAGENESS"--SUGGESTS THAT THE GOT HAS ALREADY
CONSIDERED A RANGE OF ACTIONS. THE APPEAL FOR ALLIED
COUNTRIES' ASSISTANCE PROBABLY REPRESENTS A COURSE SUPPORTED
BY THE COOLER HEADS IN THE GOT, AND WE BELIEVE IT IS
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IMPORTANT THAT THE USG TRY TO GIVE A POSITIVE RESPONSE.

2. HOWEVER, WE QUESTION THE FEASIBILITY OF SOME OF THE
ACTIONS REQUESTED IN THE TURKISH STATEMENT. AS THE DEPARTMENT
WEILL RECALL, WE MADE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION ON THIS
PROBLEM IN REF B (PARA 12, REWRITE OF HUMAN RIGHTS
EVALUATION PARA 18 D). WE HOPE THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER

TAKING THE ACTIONS RECOMMENDED THEREIN (PUBLIC CONDEMNATION
OF ANTI-TURKISH TERRORIST ACTIONS AND EFFORTS TO PERSUADE
GREEK AND ARMENIAN LEADERS IN THE US TO OPPOSE TERRORISM)
AS A MEANS OF RESPONDING TO THE TURKISH REQUEST AT THE NAC.
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